

17 December 1953

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Dear Mr. Campbell:

Thank you very much for your letter of 7 December 1953 and your very kind welcome on my return to FBIS. I have had a very valuable experience in working with [] whom I hope you will have occasion to meet in the not too distant future.

The news concerning the Stockholm venture is indeed most gratifying. I and the interested parties of the U. S. Government are most appreciative of BBC's effort and cooperation in developing coverage of the Baltic States and other Russian regional broadcasting stations. I believe that the product of the Stockholm station will prove most valuable to both of us, but in any case we will be able to make a real evaluation of the importance of broadcasting from the area. I would appreciate being advised when copy is about to be processed so that I may arrange for prompt evaluation by intelligence offices here in Washington.

STAT The smoothness with which our joint undertakings function creates very few problems that need be dealt with by the Joint Coordination Committee. I could almost wish that our problems were greater so that I might justify more frequent trips to England and so that we might enjoy more visits from you. I do believe, however, that it is important for us to meet at intervals of twelve to eighteen months, and therefore, other things being equal, I should like to come to England in the summer of 1954. If you have on your side matters which require earlier attention, I can, of course, change these plans. [] will be visiting you in March and will be pleased, I am sure, to discuss any agenda items at that time.

We were all delighted to have Saltmarshe with us, and all the places he visited have reported most favorably on the results of his visit, which is to say that they now have a far better understanding of BBC requirements and procedures. I trust that our service to you will be improved, and I think that that is one of the things which we should discuss during our next meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest personal regards and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Sincerely,

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7th December 1953

Dear [REDACTED]

I understand from [REDACTED] that you are now back in the saddle, and I am very glad to welcome you on your return.

The purpose of this letter is to tell you that we are now definitely able to go ahead with our pilot scheme for monitoring from Stockholm, and I am sending out an advance party from here on 13th December to start up the operation. It will be a little time before we get it under way but I hope that by the end of the year we will be getting a fair flow of material back. As I think you know, our proposal is to record on belts in Stockholm and transcribe the material here at Caversham. This has been dictated to some extent by accommodation difficulties over there, but in any event I think it is probably the most efficient way of working. Once we know what coverage we are able to obtain from Stockholm we shall be better able to see how our joint monitoring of Russian Regional stations can be properly correlated.

I know you appreciate that I am not able to say how far we shall be able to continue monitoring from Stockholm next year as it depends entirely on finances being made available by the Treasury here for this purpose, but at all events we will continue until the end of the financial year on 31st March 1954, provided that the results justify it, in the hope that it will prove sufficiently worth while to warrant the continuance of the operation on a long-term basis.

I do not know what your plans are about coming over here but I believe that the next of our joint meetings is due to take place in this country, and you will let me know what you propose no doubt in due course.

Saltmarshe has now returned from his tour and has had a most instructive and enjoyable time, and I should like to take this opportunity

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of expressing to you my thanks for all the help and hospitality which he received in the course of his travels.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John T. Campbell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

J.T. Campbell

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